

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

08/04/21

via Zoom

Attendees:

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudy	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY

Proposed agenda:

- Recruiting hams
- Neighborhood nets
- Board officers
- Fall SET

Topics discussed:

Outreach/Recruiting

- We have contacted newly licensed hams but have had limited success in recruiting new KE members.
- Additional public relations efforts would help ensure that prospective and new hams know about KE.

Board officers

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Annette to an at-large board position.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Blake Yeaman to lead recruiting and outreach.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to create a standing committee for public relations, recruiting, and outreach.
- Positions of president and treasurer will need to be filled next year.

Education and Training

- “Ham-Cram” classes can enable beginners to pass a license exam but may not result

- in much technical knowledge.
- Mentoring by KE members and SET experience can provide some of this knowledge and experience.

Neighborhood Networks

- KE's involvement with efforts to organize neighborhood FRS/GMRS networks was discussed as to whether neighborhood volunteers might be a source for new hams or whether the involvement takes away from KE's time and resources.
- Two neighborhood network demonstration com-hubs were set up at neighborhood gatherings on National Night Out. We will aim to expand on this idea next year.

Documentation

- Documentation resulting from the KE club affiliation with the ARRL needs to be stored. The secretary can keep a file of the paper documents and digital documents can be archived on the KE digital storage space.

KARO-ECHO's role in an emergency

- The question of the role of ham radio in an emergency was discussed.
- Hams have a commitment to provide emergency communication in an emergency.
- There is no longer any real Red Cross presence in the East Bay.
- Is a memorandum of understanding with the local fire departments needed?
- Would our fire departments be overwhelmed in an emergency and not be able to respond to us?
- Would it be better to work with the El Cerrito City Council and the Office of Emergency Services?

Membership meeting agenda

- PR, Recruiting, and Outreach
- Com-hub leads/Neighborhood networks
- Training to be determined